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SUBJ: JUNE RAINFALL MALI UNPROMISING

1. RAINFALL DURING JUNE IN SELECTED PLACES INDICATES THAT  
MALI HAS RECEIVED LESS RAIN THIS YEAR THAN IN 1973 DURING THE  
SAME PERIOD.

A. BAMAKO-REGION II

1973-151 MM (ALL FIGURES IN MILLIMETERS)

1974-125.6

B. SAN - REGION IV

1973-92.1

1974-61.1

C. KOUTIALA-REGION III

1973-139.6

1974-94

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D. SIKASSO - REGION III

1973-155.6

1974-153.9

E. BOUGOUNI REGION III

1973-156.7

1974-118

2. FOR OTHER AREAS COMPARATIVE STATISTICS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, RAINFALL IN OTHER AREAS DURING JUNE 1974 WAS AS FOLLOWS: (A) SEGOU, REGION IV: 88; (B) MOPTI-REGION V: 75.5; (C) GAO, REGION VI: 14.7; (D) KAYES, REGION I: 24.0.

3. THE DROP IN RAINFALL IN KOUTIALA FROM 139.6 TO 94 OF THIS YEAR INDICATES ANOTHER POOR COTTON HARVEST IF THE TREND CONTINUES. KOUTIALA IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH-ADMINISTERED COTTON OPERATION AND THE CERCLE OF KOUTIALA ACCOUNTED FOR ROUGHLY TWO-THIRDS OF MALI'S TOTAL COTTON PRODUCTION LAST YEAR.

4. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, MINISTER OF PRODUCTION SIDI COULIBALY EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE EFFECT ON RICE CULTIVATION OF THE FACT THAT THE LEVEL OF THE NIGER RIVER CONTINUES TO BE ABNORMALLY LOW.

5. ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR'S RAINY SEASON IS OFF TO A POOR START, IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE CONCLUSIONS. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED WITH PERIODIC PLUVIOMETRIC STATISTICS ON MALI.

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